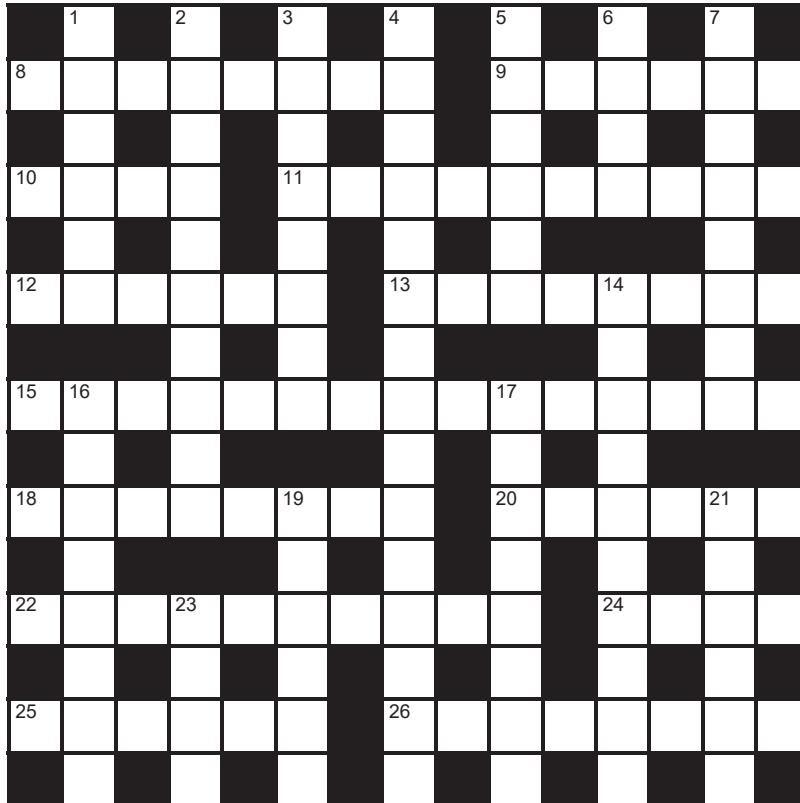


CROSSWORD

No 17,032 Set by MONK



JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,031

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ACROSS

- 8 I see you can set back a language (8)
- 9 Empire's last Dark Lord, one effecting escape (6)
- 10 Metal swizzle stick once seen centrally (4)
- 11 Shortage that is stopping cynic getting fed bananas (10)
- 12 Foreign character sick over hot dish (6)
- 13 Traces martens back to Eurasian ground (8)
- 15 The effing stupid allowance concerning future IT? (5-10)
- 18 Cross over to enter function with international food (8)
- 20 Rules charge should follow offence in hearing? (6)
- 22 Too much in rat race, orderly that's fired (10)
- 24 Host owning many branches? (4)
- 25 Renounce exam success at college (4,2)
- 26 Assailant formerly working with yours truly? (8)

DOWN

- 1 Tailless little bird taps shallow drinking vessel (6)
- 2 Reckoned copper has entered name and date incorrectly (10)
- 3 Moving slowly, old man being fed by wife Heather (8)
- 4 Exact definition of "offer" initiated new term for "suggestion" (15)
- 5 Snapper on line getting no space? (6)
- 6 Partly overturned degeneracy charge (4)
- 7 Shakespearean character worked out crime (8)
- 14 News time for some day workers, maybe those who wait on (10)
- 16 Monk supposes said year will be terrible (1,4,3)
- 17 Fish in 50% of dishes after starters of roll and soup (8)
- 19 Hold old trophy in, ultimately, Pyrrhic victory (6)
- 21 Band finally together in East-End group of houses? (6)
- 23 Danger of search lacking force (4)